

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

~~STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED SIGNAL PROCESSING~~
METHOD OF FABRICATING A TRANSISTOR ON A SUBSTRATE TO OPERATE AS A
FULLY DEPLETED STRUCTURE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15:

The above-mentioned problems with integrated circuits and other problems are addressed by the present invention and will be understood by reading and studying the following specification. A structure and method which offer improved functionality are provided. In an embodiment, a method includes fabricating a transistor on a substrate including vertically forming a body region to operate as a fully depleted structure.

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 19 through page 5, line 21:

~~In particular, an illustrative embodiment of the present invention includes a mixer circuit. The mixer circuit has a transistor extending outwardly from a semiconductor substrate. The transistor has a first source/drain region, a body region, and a second source/drain region. The body region has opposing sidewall surfaces. And, the body region is formed of a fully depleted structure. A first gate is located on a first one of the opposing sidewall surfaces. A second gate is located on a second one of the opposing sidewall surfaces. Further, a local oscillator is coupled to the first gate, and a signal input is coupled to the second gate.~~

~~In another embodiment of the present invention, an analog circuit is provided. The analog circuit includes a dual-gated metal-oxide-semiconducting field-effect transistor (MOSFET) which extends outwardly from a semiconductor substrate. The dual-gated MOSFET has a first and a second source/drain region. The dual-gated MOSFET has a body region which includes opposing sidewall surfaces. The body region is formed of a fully depleted structure. A first gate is located on a first one of the opposing sidewall surfaces. A second gate located on a second one of the opposing sidewall surfaces. Further, a local oscillator can be coupled to the first gate to receive signals from a local oscillator signal and an analog signal input can be coupled to the second gate and provides an input signal to the second gate.~~

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Please insert the following paragraphs before the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18:

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